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lot to say about what that plan looks like and I think the goal is common amongst us and that is to make these districts as even and the deviation to be as narrow as possible within the guidelines that we're adopting. Senator Stuhr and I share a very nice small town by the name of Shelby. Senator Stuhr rules the south half, and I rule the north half. (Laugh) In effect, we don't rule either one, but we have kidded each other a lot of times about what the south half wants and what the north half wants, and it's those kinds of things that I think we'll be able to have fewer of, fewer absurdities, absurd results, and I think a firmer ground upon which to defend the plan that we ultimately approve. So I do...I do resist or will vote no on this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bromm. Senator Vrtiska, on the Schimek amendment.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I'd like to ask Senator Coordsen a question, if I could.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Coordsen, would you yield?

SENATOR COORDSEN: I will respond, thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR VRTISKA: Senator Coordsen, as a member of the committee that's been trying to put this thing together, and I...I don't know if this is of any value or not, but I was just curious as I was listening to the debate has anybody looked, and not that it makes any difference, but has anybody ever looked at what other states are doing? Is there a deviation been considered because the law...courts have said they could?

SENATOR COORDSEN: The federal standards apply to all of the states. The courts have held in some cases, in congressional districts particularly, that deviations in excess of ten percent were allowable, but that's extremely rare. The one that comes to mind is one in Wyoming where part of a district was going to be on the west side of the Continental Divide and part was going to be on the east side, with a mountain range in-between. There are deviations beyond the standard, Senator Vrtiska, but they are extremely rare and generally relate to the geography of the